

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2003 – 1000 MST  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light to moderate nationally, with 256 new fires reported yesterday. Two new large fires were reported, one each in the Eastern and Southern Areas. Four fires were contained, three in the Southern Area and one in the Eastern Area. Very high fire indices were reported in Colorado and Indiana.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A FEMA Emergency Operations Center is established in Lufkin, Texas. Four Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Studebaker, Gelobter, Anderson and Ferguson) are assigned in Corsicana, Hemphill, Palestine and Nacogdoches, Texas. One Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jenkins) is assigned in Longview, Texas. Forty-eight agencies are cooperating in the search and collection of shuttle materials.

NEWCASTLE, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA. State and Federal personnel have been mobilized in response to the outbreak of the Exotic Newcastle Disease. They are working in support of the USDA APHIS operation under a Unified Command. Support operations are being conducted in Arizona, California, and Nevada.

**SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

COUNTY LINE FIRE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is burning in mixed hardwoods six miles northwest of Proctor, Oklahoma. Active fire behavior occurred yesterday in light fuels. Control lines will be completed today, as well as the burn out of adjacent fuels.

| INCIDENT NAME     | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD |
|-------------------|----|------|------|-------|---------|-----------|-----|-----|------|-----------|------------|
| COUNTY LINE FIRE  | OK | OKS  | 400  | 88    | 3/27    | 4         | 0   | 2   | 0    | 0         | NR         |
| GALCATCHER HOLLOW | OK | OKS  | 600  | 100   | ---     | 2         | 0   | 1   | 0    | 0         | NR         |
| LANGLEY           | OK | OKS  | 250  | 100   | ---     | 2         | 0   | 1   | 0    | 0         | NR         |
| CENIZA            | TX | AMP  | 125  | 100   | ---     | 20        | 1   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 3.5K       |

AMP = Amistad National Recreation Area

**EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

AITKEN FIRE COMPLEX, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. This complex of nine fires is burning in lowland grass and hardwoods in the area of Aitken, MN. The largest fires are located at Cedar Lake and Tamarack. No new information was received.

| INCIDENT NAME       | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD |
|---------------------|----|------|------|-------|---------|-----------|-----|-----|------|-----------|------------|
| AITKEN FIRE COMPLEX | MN | MNS  | 300  | 80    | UNK     | 20        | 0   | 6   | 0    | 1         | 12K        |
| CCC FIRE            | MO | MTF  | 202  | 100   | ---     | NR        | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 1K         |

MTF = Mark Twain National Forest

## OUTLOOK:

**\*\*\*A RED FLAG WARNING HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA AND NORTHERN TEXAS FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND WINDS GREATER THAN TWENTY MPH.\*\*\***

The weakening cold front from Wednesday will continue to create showers and thunderstorms from the Mid-Atlantic south to Florida today. North and central Florida will see numerous thunderstorms with precipitation accumulations as high as 1.5". West and Central areas of the Southern Area will remain rain-free. The second of two back to back cold fronts begins to take shape in the central plains and will produce dry and very windy conditions from Oklahoma and Texas. Fire risks will be highest today in the west. This front, already into the western Oklahoma panhandle, will pull in much colder air into Oklahoma and Texas.

A cool front will continue its easterly push through the Eastern Area and is expected to move through the Mid-Atlantic and New England states on Wednesday. Showers and a few thunderstorms are likely as the front moves through producing isolated rainfall amounts of a half to three quarters of an inch. Winds will switch from the south to the west-northwest as the front passes. High pressure is expected at the surface across the Great Lakes and Big Rivers complexes creating light winds and dry conditions



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**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

| AREA                |       | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|
| Alaska              | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Northwest           | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Northern California | FIRES |     |     |     | 1   | 38    | 2    | 41    |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     | 45  | 9     | 1    | 55    |
| Southern California | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Southwest           | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES | 19  |     |     |     | 35    | 1    | 55    |
|                     | ACRES | 26  |     |     |     | 269   | 202  | 497   |
| Southern Area       | FIRES |     |     |     | 1   | 154   | 5    | 160   |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     | 10  | 2,189 | 38   | 2,237 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 19  | 0   | 0   | 2   | 227   | 8    | 256   |
|                     | ACRES | 26  | 0   | 0   | 55  | 2,467 | 241  | 2,789 |

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

| AREA                |       | BIA   | BLM   | FWS   | NPS   | ST/OT  | USFS  | TOTAL  |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| Alaska              | FIRES |       |       |       | 1     | 42     |       | 43     |
|                     | ACRES |       |       |       | 432   | 183    |       | 615    |
| Northwest           | FIRES | 1     |       | 1     |       |        |       | 2      |
|                     | ACRES | 0     |       | 1     |       |        |       | 1      |
| Northern California | FIRES |       |       |       | 4     | 83     | 12    | 99     |
|                     | ACRES |       |       |       | 2,210 | 19     | 4     | 2,233  |
| Southern California | FIRES | 1     | 4     |       |       | 171    | 38    | 214    |
|                     | ACRES | 0     | 1     |       |       | 29     | 12    | 42     |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES |       |       |       |       | 1      | 2     | 3      |
|                     | ACRES |       |       |       |       | 29     | 1,500 | 1,529  |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |       | 3     |       |       | 1      | 1     | 5      |
|                     | ACRES |       | 0     |       |       | 0      | 0     | 0      |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |       |       |       |       |        |       | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |       |       |       |       |        |       | 0      |
| Southwest           | FIRES | 8     | 8     | 1     |       | 68     | 32    | 117    |
|                     | ACRES | 25    | 1,318 | 274   |       | 366    | 32    | 2,015  |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 4     | 3     |       | 1     | 6      | 3     | 17     |
|                     | ACRES | 9     | 0     |       | 200   | 121    | 15    | 345    |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES | 76    |       |       | 3     | 360    | 59    | 498    |
|                     | ACRES | 136   |       |       | 2     | 4,601  | 1,268 | 6,007  |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 56    |       | 5     | 4     | 5,439  | 161   | 5,665  |
|                     | ACRES | 6,881 |       | 755   | 540   | 62,106 | 3,285 | 73,567 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 146   | 18    | 7     | 13    | 6,171  | 308   | 6,663  |
|                     | ACRES | 7,051 | 1,319 | 1,030 | 3,384 | 67,454 | 6,116 | 86,354 |

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Eight Year Average Fires</b> | <b>14,425</b>  |
| <b>Eight Year Average Acres</b> | <b>264,483</b> |

\*\*\*Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the fourth reporting period in March\*\*\*

and

\*\*\*Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments\*\*\*

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

| AREA                |       | BIA | BLM | FWS   | NPS | ST/OT | USFS   | TOTAL  |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-------|--------|--------|
| Alaska              | FIRES |     |     |       |     |       |        | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       |     |       |        | 0      |
| Northwest           | FIRES |     |     |       |     |       |        | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       |     |       |        | 0      |
| Northern California | FIRES |     |     | 2     | 3   |       | 9      | 14     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     | 2,386 | 1   |       | 47     | 2,434  |
| Southern California | FIRES |     |     |       |     |       |        | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       |     |       |        | 0      |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES |     |     |       |     |       |        | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       |     |       |        | 0      |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |       |     |       |        | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       |     |       |        | 0      |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |       |     |       |        | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       |     |       |        | 0      |
| Southwest           | FIRES |     |     |       |     |       |        | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       |     |       |        | 0      |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES |     |     |       |     |       | 1      | 1      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       |     |       | 1,210  | 1,210  |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES | 2   |     |       |     | 4     | 1      | 7      |
|                     | ACRES | 296 |     |       |     | 735   | 88     | 1,119  |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 2   |     | 1     | 1   | 2     | 22     | 28     |
|                     | ACRES | 379 |     | 400   | 40  | 204   | 14,751 | 15,774 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 4   | 0   | 3     | 4   | 6     | 33     | 50     |
|                     | ACRES | 675 | 0   | 2,786 | 41  | 939   | 16,096 | 20,537 |

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

| AREA                |       | BIA   | BLM   | FWS    | NPS    | ST/OT   | USFS    | TOTAL     |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Alaska              | FIRES |       |       |        |        |         |         | 0         |
|                     | ACRES |       |       |        |        |         |         | 0         |
| Northwest           | FIRES | 3     | 60    | 20     |        |         | 49      | 132       |
|                     | ACRES | 4     | 3,410 | 2,180  |        |         | 1,287   | 6,881     |
| Northern California | FIRES | 1     | 7     | 5      | 9      |         | 58      | 80        |
|                     | ACRES | 31    | 110   | 7,533  | 496    |         | 2,997   | 11,167    |
| Southern California | FIRES |       | 1     |        | 1      |         | 59      | 61        |
|                     | ACRES |       | 5     |        | 2      |         | 5,571   | 5,578     |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES |       | 1     |        |        |         | 2       | 3         |
|                     | ACRES |       | 13    |        |        |         | 118     | 131       |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |       | 3     |        |        | 4       |         | 7         |
|                     | ACRES |       | 56    |        |        | 121     |         | 177       |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |       |       |        |        |         |         | 0         |
|                     | ACRES |       |       |        |        |         |         | 0         |
| Southwest           | FIRES | 3     | 5     | 1      | 1      |         | 152     | 162       |
|                     | ACRES | 460   | 2,827 | 550    | 1,000  |         | 4,956   | 9,793     |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 10    | 2     | 4      | 5      | 2       | 15      | 38        |
|                     | ACRES | 598   | 110   | 125    | 349    | 39      | 1,786   | 3,007     |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES | 2     |       | 18     | 3      | 7       | 56      | 86        |
|                     | ACRES | 296   |       | 7,549  | 1,108  | 1,971   | 6,558   | 17,482    |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 37    |       | 176    | 23     | 5,599   | 789     | 6,624     |
|                     | ACRES | 6,658 |       | 62,855 | 43,191 | 361,926 | 619,090 | 1,093,720 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 56    | 79    | 224    | 42     | 5,612   | 1,180   | 7,193     |
|                     | ACRES | 8,047 | 6,531 | 80,792 | 46,146 | 364,057 | 642,363 | 1,147,936 |

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

| AREA                |       | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|
| Alaska              | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Northwest           | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Northern California | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Southern California | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Southwest           | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Southern Area       | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0    | 0     |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0    | 0     |

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**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

| AREA                | CREWS<br>FED | CREWS<br>ST/OT | ENGS<br>FED | ENGS<br>ST/OT | HELI<br>FED | HELI<br>ST/OT | AIRT<br>FED | AIRT<br>ST/OT | OVRHD<br>FED | OVRHD<br>ST/OT |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| Alaska              |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Northwest           |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Northern California | 1            |                |             |               |             |               |             |               | 13           |                |
| Southern California |              |                |             | 20            |             |               |             |               | 32           | 289            |
| Northern Rockies    |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Eastern Great Basin |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Western Great Basin |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               | 6            | 35             |
| Southwest           |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               | 4            |                |
| Rocky Mountain      |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Eastern Area        |              |                | 10          | 12            | 1           |               |             |               | 90           | 4              |
| Southern Area       | 97           | 62             | 11          | 6             | 5           |               |             |               | 422          | 1346           |
| Total               | 98           | 62             | 21          | 38            | 6           | 0             | 0           | 0             | 567          | 1674           |

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